Amendments to the Specification:

Specification Page 20, line 4 - Page 21, line 5:

Please delete the section starting on Page 20, line 4, beginning with "As shown in Figures 8(1) and 8(2)..." and ending on Page 21, line 5, "... the DC component data is displayed."

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 53, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 8(1) is a diagram for explaining the data field of a recording packet used in 25-Mbps mode in the data recording method of the ~~present~~ invention described in Japanese Patent Application No. 09-067653.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 54, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 8(2) is a diagram for explaining the data field of a recording packet used in 12.5-Mbps mode in the data recording method of the ~~present~~ invention described in Japanese Patent Application No. 09-067653.

Please insert the following text on page 87, after line 6:

As shown in Figures 8(1) and 8(2), in this format, immediately after, the area where the DC component of each DCT coded data is placed (in the DV format, one-bit motion-related information, two-bit class information, and nine-bit quantized value of the DC component are arranged in this area), an EOB code that indicates the end of the information in the DCT block concerned, is generated and appended. Here, a brief description will be given of the motion-related information. In the DVC format, when there is little or no motion in the portion corresponding to the DCT block concerned, an 8×8 DCT is used, and when there is motion, a 2×4×8 DCT is used. The motion-related information

described above is a bit that indicates which of the DCT modes between them is used.

With the above arrangement, the 12-byte area (in the case of recording in 25-Mbps mode) or the eight-byte area (in the case of recording in 12.5-Mbps mode) from the EOB to the beginning of the next DCT coded data is rendered not valid for the decoding and reproduction of conventional DV data.

As a result, within one recording packet, areas totaling 64 bytes are rendered not valid for the decoding and reproduction of conventional DV data, as shown in Figure 8(1), and whatever type of data is assigned to these areas, that does not affect the image reproduced from the VTR of the DV format, that is, only the image decoded from the DC component data is displayed.